

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2006 – 1000 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 126 new fires reported. Six new large fires (*) were reported, three in the Eastern Great Basin Area, two in the Southwest Area and one in the Southern Area. Four large fires were contained, three in the Southwest Area and one in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado and Utah.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

FAIRVIEW, Texas Forest Service. This fire is seven miles west of Floresville, TX in grass and brush. Active fire behavior was reported.

WF NEW SMYRNA 44/95, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is one mile west of New Smyrna, FL in southern rough. No new information was reported.

WF POSSUM CAMP, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is two miles west of Edgewater, FL in southern rough and timber. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* FAIRVIEW	TX	TXS	697	90	UNK	0	0	0	0	3	NR	ST
WF NEW SMYRNA 44/95	FL	FLS	1,507	90	5/21	134	0	15	0	3	315K	ST
WF POSSUM CAMP	FL	FLS	834	65	5/25	10	0	3	0	0	39K	ST
TANYARD	TX	TXS	224	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

PIPELINE, Roswell Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 32 miles northeast of Capitan, NM in grass and yucca. No further information was received.

ADOBE, New Mexico State Forestry, Socorro District. This fire is 28 miles southeast of Animas, NM in grass. Difficult access is hampering containment efforts.

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PIPELINE	NM	ROD	7,000	NR	UNK	30	0	10	0	0	NR	BLM
* ADOBE	NM	N3S	2,500	5	5/30	15	0	4	0	0	NR	ST
SEVEN	NM	GNF	200	100	---	82	3	5	0	0	NR	FS
* PURCELL	AZ	ASF	120	100	---	114	3	6	2	0	100K	FS

CENTENNIAL	NM	LCD	1,950	100	---	2	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
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ASF – Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest
 GNF – Gila National Forest

LCD – Las Cruces Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

HURRICANE 2, Division of Forestry and State Lands, Southwest. This fire started on Bureau of Land Management land 15 miles east of St. George, UT in grass and brush. Residences are threatened. Running fire was observed.

SKY RANCH, Cedar City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 14 miles east of St. George, UT in grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

STOCK POND, Arizona Strip Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in Mojave County in grass and brush. Active fire behavior was reported.

RATTLESNAKE, Arizona Strip Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 40 miles south of St. George, UT in pinyon pine and grass. No new information was reported.

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* HURRICANE 2	UT	SWS	2,700	80	5/20	0	0	9	0	1	NR	BLM
* SKY RANCH	UT	CCD	1,500	80	5/21	9	0	1	0	0	NR	BLM
* STOCK POND	AZ	ASD	400	75	5/20	0	0	3	0	0	NR	BLM
RATTLESNAKE	AZ	ASD	170	70	UNK	74	3	3	1	0	NR	BLM

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watch: For Sunday May 21 a fire weather watch is in effect for low relative humidity and strong winds for southwest Utah. For Sunday May 21 across portions of southeastern Nevada due to strong winds and low humidity.

Weather Discussion: The southern Great Basin, western Arizona, and southeastern California will see dry and windy conditions today as the trough off along the West Coast pushes eastward. A mixture of wet and dry thunderstorms will continue in the Intermountain West near a high pressure ridge. Dry air with some wind will also continue over Texas and dry conditions over portions of Florida.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<p>Southwest Area Mostly sunny across of Arizona, with breezy to windy conditions across the far western portion of the state. Partly cloudy with isolated to widely scattered mostly dry thunderstorms in New Mexico. Partly cloudy west Texas, with a slight chance for late day thunderstorms, especially across the southwest mountains.</p>	<p>60s to 80s across the mountains. 80s to near 105 across lower elevations.</p>	<p>5 to 15% lower elevations. 15 to 25% higher elevations.</p>	<p>South 15 to 25 mph for western Arizona. Becoming southwest to west 10 to 20 mph remainder of Arizona and into western New Mexico. Variable 5 to 15 mph remainder.</p>
<p>Eastern Great Basin Area Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Scattered thunderstorms western portions, isolated eastern portions. A little cooler. Northern Utah: Partly cloudy with isolated afternoon mountain thunderstorms. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly cloudy and hot with isolated thunderstorms.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 56 to 77 mountains, 72 to 83 valleys. Northern Utah: 67 to 82 mountains, 82 to 92 valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 67 to 80 mountains, 80 to 97 valleys, 97 to 105 lowest deserts.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 31 to 48% mountains 19 to 36% valleys. Northern Utah: 18 to 25% mountains 10 to 18% valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 16 to 26% mountains, 6 to 16% valleys.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Northwest to west 10 to 15 mph. Northern Utah: South 15 mph. Southern Utah, AZ Strip: South-southwest 15 to 20 mph.</p>
<p>Southern California Area A slight chance of afternoon showers over the Central Sierra. Night and morning low clouds and fog coastal areas. Otherwise partly cloudy.</p>	<p>70 to 85 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. Low 80s upper deserts. 95 to 105 lower deserts.</p>	<p>20 to 35% Southern California and 35 to 50% Central California.</p>	<p>Southeast to southwest 12 to 25 mph with higher gusts.</p>
<p>Rocky Mountain Area Isolated to widely scattered dry thunderstorms in the afternoon in Colorado, northern/eastern Wyoming, and western South Dakota. Widely scattered showers and wet thunderstorms are also expected in Nebraska and Kansas.</p>	<p>High temperatures will continue above seasonal norms with mainly mid 80s in the lower elevations, and into the lower 90s in southeast Colorado and western Kansas.</p>	<p>12 to 22% in the lower elevations of Colorado and Wyoming, with 25 to 40% elsewhere.</p>	<p>West 10 to 20 mph in northern Colorado and southern Wyoming, and from the southeast 15 to 25 mph in the eastern plains</p>
<p>Western Great Basin Area Showers and thunderstorms redeveloping again during the afternoon across the north. Dry and windy across the south.</p>	<p>North Valleys: 65 to 85 South Valleys: 75 to 95 Mountains: 55 to 75</p>	<p>North Valleys: 15 to 30% South Valleys: 10 to 20% Mountains: 30 to 45%</p>	<p>South to Southwest at 10 to 25 mph with gusts to 35 mph.</p>
<p>Southern Area No information was reported</p>			



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VEHICLE ENTRAPMENT

If you find yourself in a fire entrapment situation where a shelter deployment is not possible, using a vehicle for refuge may be an option. The following are some considerations for a vehicle entrapment:

- Park the vehicle in an area void of vegetation.
- Fire out around the vehicle if there is time.
- Park behind a natural barrier or structure.
- Do not park on the downhill side of a road or under power lines or over-hanging vegetation.
- Stay out of saddles or draws.
- Position the vehicle in a direction that provides the area occupied by crew personnel the maximum protection from an approaching flame front.
- Set the parking break, leave the motor running at high RPM, and keep the vehicle lights on.
- Roll up the windows and do not lock the doors since someone else might need to get in.
- Cover windows with fire shelters with reflective material placed against window.
- You must protect your airway, remain as low in the vehicle as possible, and use a dry bandana to cover your nose and mouth.
- Expect the following conditions if you are trapped inside the vehicle:
 - Temperatures may reach over 200 degrees Fahrenheit.
 - Smoke and sparks may enter the vehicle.
 - Plastic parts may start to melt and give off toxic gases.
 - Windows may start to crack.
 - Exposed skin may receive radiant heat burns.
- If the vehicle catches fire, or windows blow out, and you must exit the vehicle before the fire has passed, then:
 - Each crewmember should cover himself/herself with a fire shelter.
 - Exit the vehicle from the side away from the greatest heat.
 - Stay together and get as low to the ground as possible, moving away from the vehicle.
 - Deploy your shelter in a safe area.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					3		3
Northwest	FIRES	4	1	1		9	13	28
	ACRES	3	0	30		52	6	91
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				1			1
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				2	6	10
	ACRES	2				0	0	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2				1	3
	ACRES		210				0	210
Southwest	FIRES	2				6	17	25
	ACRES	0				2,638	42	2,680
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	11		1	3	3	19
	ACRES	0	22		0	1	0	23
Eastern Area	FIRES					16		16
	ACRES					5		5
Southern Area	FIRES					19	1	20
	ACRES					509	5	514
TOTAL	FIRES	9	14	1	3	56	43	126
	ACRES	5	232	30	1	3,208	54	3,530

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					49		49
	ACRES					123		123
Northwest	FIRES	37	12	4		123	74	250
	ACRES	76	3	34		404	124	641
Northern California	FIRES	13			1	174	33	221
	ACRES	15			0	1,552	1,260	2,827
Southern California	FIRES		7		2		36	45
	ACRES		136		1		11,098	11,235
Northern Rockies	FIRES	177	2	8	1	103	29	320
	ACRES	1,066	101	975	223	4,465	312	7,142
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	13	29			31	10	83
	ACRES	180	480			1,349	7	2,016
Western Great Basin	FIRES		41		3	6	3	53
	ACRES		1,760		2	7	0	1,769
Southwest	FIRES	344	81	1	55	624	345	1,450
	ACRES	2,301	8,479	431	5,208	270,855	14,434	301,708
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	104	26	33	4	275	58	500
	ACRES	1,340	189	1,821	0	131,316	7,539	142,205
Eastern Area	FIRES	445		33	47	8,830	417	9,772
	ACRES	5,731		828	247	72,535	13,027	92,368
Southern Area	FIRES	386		148	48	25,800	690	27,072
	ACRES	42,932		14,895	5,683	1,768,460	35,275	1,867,245
TOTAL	FIRES	1,519	198	227	161	36,015	1,695	39,815
	ACRES	53,641	11,148	18,984	11,364	2,251,066	83,076	2,429,279

Ten Year Average Fires	30,625
Ten Year Average Acres	633,568

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1				4	5
	ACRES		27				96	123
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						26	26
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				0		1	1
	ACRES				12		149	161
Eastern Area	FIRES			5		5		10
	ACRES			605		297		902
Southern Area	FIRES			1		3	1	5
	ACRES			198		1,074	2,469	3,741
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	6	0	8	7	23
	ACRES	1	27	803	12	1,371	2,740	4,954

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					276		276
Northwest	FIRES	19	114	51	1	1	169	355
	ACRES	5,264	10,125	6,602	98	180	25,541	47,810
Northern California	FIRES	17	5	19	3		75	119
	ACRES	207	869	26,697	14		2,783	30,570
Southern California	FIRES		5	3	1		56	65
	ACRES		285	59	12		2,013	2,369
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	20	105	2	30	267	425
	ACRES	40	4,344	18,769	268	3,024	31,237	57,682
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	5	14	6	2	5	46	78
	ACRES	1,393	2,813	1,549	1,845	125	21,404	29,129
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	3			1	9
	ACRES		325	12			1,085	1,422
Southwest	FIRES	23	12	3	4		97	139
	ACRES	3,767	10,696	6,856	923		49,658	71,900
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	20	94	13	32	96	281
	ACRES	2,591	5,422	19,739	8,995	1,767	27,334	65,848
Eastern Area	FIRES	36		472	34	1,075	136	1,753
	ACRES	15,037		57,346	5,081	61,626	27,343	166,433
Southern Area	FIRES	21		154	47	254	742	1,218
	ACRES	5,839		69,384	13,668	135,777	604,385	829,053
TOTAL	FIRES	148	195	910	107	1,401	1,685	4,446
	ACRES	34,138	34,879	207,013	30,904	202,775	792,783	1,302,492

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				4			4
	ACRES				1			1
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						160	160
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				1,656			1,656
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1		1			2
	ACRES		0		0			0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	6	0	1	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	1,657	0	160	1,817

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	12	0	365	3,921
Yukon Territory	0	0	3	1
Alberta	11	44	529	4,719
Northwest Territory	0	0	1	0
Saskatchewan	7	0	102	1,145
Manitoba	0	0	51	343
Ontario	2	0	147	634
Quebec	1	4,866	181	24,907
Newfoundland	0	1	32	130
New Brunswick	0	0	233	422
Nova Scotia	2	1	183	1,604
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	4	0	19	505
Total	39	4,911	1,846	38,330

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	2	10	14	2					8	10
Northern California										
Southern California			1						3	
Northern Rockies	3		3	6	4				15	
Eastern Great Basin			13	3	1		2		25	1
Western Great Basin		1								
Southwest	6	1	21	8	3		5		19	3
Rocky Mountain			6	2			1			
Eastern Area			1		1				4	
Southern Area	1		12	3	4		2		71	26
Total	12	12	71	24	13	0	10	0	145	40

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